



State of California  
The Natural Resources Agency  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council Chipper Days		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	VOE - N1/2 Sec. 21, T2N, R4W. Crestline-W1/2, Sec. 23, T2N, R4W. Twin Peaks-W1/2, Sec. 19, T2N, R3W Running Springs-NE1/4, Sec. 5, T1N, R2W Arrowbear-S1/2, Sec. 34, T2N, R2W Curbside Chipping: Sec. 22, 31-34, T2N, R2W; Sec. 1, 18-20, 26-30, T2N, R3W; Sec. 4-6, T1N, R2W; Sec. 1, T1N, R3W; Sec. 13-28, T2N, R4W		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Homeowners participating in The Mountain Rim Fire Safe Council's (MRFSC) Chipper Days Project using drop off sites or curbside chipping will remove vegetation from their properties to comply with PRC. 4291 defensible space clearance requirements. The vegetation removed for defensible space or hazard abatement will be piled curbside or will be transported to drop off sites by the landowner for chipping. Curbside chipping will take place along the roads within the MRFSC's communities within the San Bernardino National Forest from the Crestline to Green Valley Lake areas. Curbside chips will be blown back on landowner's site, while drop off location biomass will be chipped into trucks and hauled away. Project areas are primarily composed of timber and understory shrubs. Vegetation to be chipped will mostly be composed of small diameter trees (<12"), branches, and shrubs. Elevation ranges from approximately 5,000 feet to 6,500 feet. It is anticipated that approximately fifty cumulative acres spread throughout the communities will be treated. This project will take place for two consecutive years.

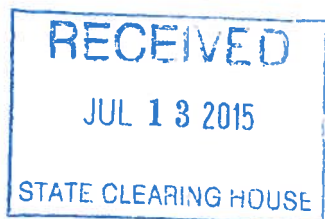
### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ **Categorical Exemption** Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land  
☐ **Statutory Exemption** (state code section):  
☐ **Ministerial** (§21080(b)(1); 15268)  
☐ **Declared Emergency** (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))  
☐ **Emergency Project** (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

Field review by Tim Morin, RPF #2505, confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The RPF has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the RPF is kept on file at CAL FIRE's BDU Headquarters in San Bernardino.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING



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